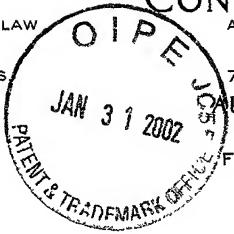


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a disclosure including a title page, a 193 page specification, 77 pages of claims (Claims 1-459), and a one page abstract. In addition, we have also included 87 drawings on 93 sheets. The disclosure and drawings constitute the application of John T. McDevitt, Eric V. Anslyn, Jason B. Shear, Dean P. Neikirk, Byunghwa Park, and Yoon Sok Park for the above-entitled invention.

Applicant hereby claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/265,776 entitled "**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE CONFINEMENT OF MATERIALS IN A MICROMACHINED CHEMICAL SENSOR ARRAY**," filed January 31, 2001

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